



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Michael J. May *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/643,260

Filed: August 22, 2000

For: *INHIBITION OF NF- κ B ACTIVATION BY
BLOCKADE OF IKK β -NEMO INTERACTIONS AT THE
NEMO BINDING DOMAIN*

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2002 (Paper No. 9). A separate petition for the appropriate extension of time in which to respond is being filed concurrently herewith. Responsive to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-18 and 23, without prejudice, and amend claims 19, 20 and 22 as follows:

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19. (**Amended**) An isolated peptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from